10. Marketing in general, pricing etc.

On the basis of the findings/recommendations of the Committee, the services of Shri A. P. Maheshwary as Chairman & Managing Director of CCI were terminated on 27-5-86. Some other recommendations of the Committee like reduction in cost of production, improved maintenance etc. are already under implementation. Efforts are being made to cut down inventory. The other recommendations of the Committee are being studied and action in respect of these necessarily involves some time. An over-all improvement of the working of CCI is a continuous process and action is accordingly being taken both by CCI and Government on the various recommendations of the Committee.

Cooperation to Libya

164. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have offered cooperation to Libya in some new areas in the field of Industry, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) how many projects are being executed in Libya at present by the Indian Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) During the sixth Session of the Indo-Libyan Joint Commission held recently in New Delhi, both sides emphasised the need for expanding the bilateral industrial cooperation in various areas including automobile, iron and steel, cottage and small scale industries, dams and water resources etc.

(b) There are sixty-two contracts presently being executed by various Indian companies in Libya.

Remuneration of Managing Directors of Public Limited Companies

165. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government propose to order an upward revision of the ceiling on remuneration of Managing Directors and full time Directors of public limited companies; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : The Government have not taken any decision regarding upward revision of the ceiling on remuneration of Managing Directors and full time directors of public limited companies.

Transfer of a judge from Orissa to Allahabad High Court

166. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the Orissa Hgh Court Bar Association's resolution against the unjust transfer order of Justice B.N. Mishtra from Orissa High Court to Allahabad High Court;

(b) whether Government have received a copy of the resolution dated 25th June, 1986 in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c) The Government have received from the High Court Bar Association, Orissa a copy of the Press handout issued by it on 8-7-86 regarding the transfer of Dr. Justice B. N. Misra from the Orissa High Court to the Allahabad High Court.

There is no occasion for the Government to react. The transfer was made in accordance with the provisions of Article 222 of the Constitution with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of India.

Transfer of gas connections

167. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to allow the customers to transfer their gas connections in the names of their close blood relations in the event of their marriages or leaving the stations for a long period;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) Normally, LPG connections are non-transferable. However, in special cases like those mentioned in the question, the LPG connection can be transferred, subject to production of an authorisation letter from the original owner and deposit of a security at the current prevailing rates, by the prospective transferee.

(c) Does not arise.

Scheme to tap new energy sources

168. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a comprehensive scheme to tap new energy sources; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Comprehensive programmes of R&D, demonstration, utilisation, industrial production, evaluation etc. to tap new energy sources are being implemented by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. As a result of intensive R&D activities and demonstration programmes taken up in various areas of non-conventional energy sources, a number of technologies have been developed which have been found technically feasible for various applications including generation of electricity. Large-scale extension programmes, such as Nationl Programme on Biogas Development, National Programme of Improved Chulha, Solar Thermal Extension Programme have been launched throughout the country and have started making an impact in saving wood and conventional fuels, environmental improvements and improvement in the quality of life particularly in the rural areas. Solar photovoltaic systems have been developed and are being increasingly deployed for electrifying remote villages and other small power needs. A programme for utilisation of wind energy for pumping and electricity generation is being implemented. Projects relating to production, conversion and utilisation of biomass have reached the extension stage and biomass gasifiers for electic power production have already started to be commercialised. A number of energy self-sufficient villages (URJA GRAMS) have been set up and a programme initiated for a large number of such villages, where energy for cooking, lighting and other needs of the entire village could be provided by locally available non-conventional sources of energy. Investigation and development efforts relating to utilisation of tidal energy, ocean energy and